

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025] of the originally specification as follows:

[0025] Referring now back to FIG. 2, according to the principles of the present invention, the rigid plate member (20) includes a self-alignment structure such as pin members (21) which protrude from the bottom surface (16) thereof, while the planar top surface (17) of the rotatable platen includes guide openings (12) for receiving the pin members, thus rotatably securing the rigid plate member with respect to the rotatable platen during polishing. In this embodiment, the pin members (21) and the guide openings (12) automatically align the rigid plate assembly with respect to the rotatable platen (25) upon suctioning of the rigid plate assembly (22) onto the rotatable platen (25).